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## ED & DOLLIE LYNCH NAMED "WASHINGTON GENERALS" BY LT. GOV. BRAD OWEN AT HISTORIC RESERVES 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CEREMONY

VANCOUVER, WA—Ed & Dollie Lynch were named "Washington Generals" by Lt. Gov. Brad Owen & Linda Owen as a special surprise at the Vancouver National Historic Reserve's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ceremony. Lt. Gov. Owen read from his nomination letter (text included below) which outlined the significant contribution the Lynch's have made to the City of Vancouver and Clark County. Elson Strahan, the Historic Reserve Trust's President & CEO, commented "We were honored to have the Lt. Governor & Linda Owen use the occasion of the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the creation of the Vancouver National Historic Reserve to bestow such a well-deserved honor on Ed & Dollie Lynch. While naming them as Washington Generals was in recognition of their broad array of support for the community, the dedication Ed and Dollie have to the Historic Reserve was clearly a major factor."



Ed Lynch, Linda Owen, Lt. Gov. Brad Owen & Dollie Lynch (l-r)



Ed & Dollie Lynch

Prior to the special presentation to the Lynch's, a program honoring those who had significant roles in the formation of the Vancouver National Historic Reserve featured former Mayor Bruce Hagensen with highlights of the lengthy and difficult process in bringing the Historic Reserve into being, along with comments by current Mayor Royce Pollard, Fort Vancouver National Historic Site Superintendent Tracy Fortmann, and the Trust's President & CEO, Elson Strahan. Special honors were awarded to 4 individuals whose contributions were paramount in the early formation of the Historic Reserve. These individuals are Hal Dengerinck, Paul Grattet, Bruce Hagensen and John Marshall.

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Text of Lt. Gov. Owen's Nomination Letter:

August 31, 2006

Chuck Hardaway  
Commander Washington Generals  
P.O. Box 482  
Maple Valley, WA 98038

Dear General Hardaway,

I am writing on behalf of Linda and myself to proudly submit the names of Ed and Dollie Lynch of Clark County, Washington for consideration to be awarded commissions as Washington Generals. I have traveled all over the great State of Washington several times meeting thousands of people of which many are very worthy of recognition by your organization. However, none are more deserving than this dedicated, caring and involved couple. Let me make this clear that although I refer to them as a couple and refer them to you together, they are each deserving of this honor in their own right.

Whenever a significant event is taking place in the Vancouver you will likely find the Lynches there supporting the event personally and financially. They are the epitome of a community spirited couple. Over the years they have financially supported, the Southwest Washington Medical Center Foundation, the Vancouver National Historic Reserve Trust, the Annual Marshall Lecture, the Free Clinic of Southwest Washington, Identity Clark County, the I Have a Dream Foundation, the Confluence Project, Clark County Skills Center, the YWCA and YMCA, and the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation.

Ed has been the chair and active member of many of these organizations and has chaired the Historic Reserve Trust since 2001 and has been the Chair of Identity Clark County since 1994.

Dollie taught elementary school and was instrumental in developing a thriving Camp Fire Girls program in Clark County and served as president of the local American Field Service foreign student exchange program for 9 years.

Both Ed and Dollie are supporters of Boy Scouts of America, Salvation Army and Goodwill Industries.

Our goal in creating the Washington Generals program for recognizing worthy citizens and getting it established by the Washington State Legislature as the official organization to do so was to honor people who committed themselves unselfishly to their community and or state. The Lynches meet this criterion ten times over. Therefore, Linda and I respectfully request that you give their nomination serious and immediate consideration.

Thank you for your time and service to the Washington Generals and the State of Washington.

Respectfully,

Lieutenant Governor Brad Owen  
A Washington General

For more information on the Association of Washington Generals, visit their website at [www.washingtongenerals.org](http://www.washingtongenerals.org).